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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO M'BOW

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS THE TEXT OF AN APRIL 9 LETTER TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL M'BOW FROM CONGRESSMEN FASCELL, YATRON AND MICA OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

3. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE COURTESY YOUR UNESCO OFFICE EXTENDED TO THE STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEES DURING THEIR VISIT LAST FEBRUARY TO UNESCO HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS. STAFF ADVISES ME THAT THEY WERE VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH YOU DIRECTLY AND WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT.

4. AS YOU KNOW, SEVERAL MEMBERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, HAVE ASKED THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, AN ARM OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF UNESCO'S MANAGEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GAO TEAM IS NOW IN PARIS AND HAS BEGUN THE REVIEW. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FACILITATE THEIR ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AND TO UNESCO OFFICIALS SO THAT THEY MAY CONDUCT AND COMPLETE THEIR

REVIEW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION OF U.S.-UNESCO RELATIONS. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO LEAVE UNESCO BECOMES EFFECTIVE THIS DECEMBER 31, 1984. WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN THE ORGANIZATION AND WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOU, AS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT CHANGES ARE MADE THIS YEAR TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF OTHER UNESCO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT ONLY IF CHANGES ARE MADE IN UNESCO WILL THE ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDER ITS DECEMBER 28, 1983 DECISION. WE WANT TO STRESS THIS FACTOR BY STATING FURTHER THAT ONLY IF SUCH CHANGES ARE MADE WILL THE CONGRESS BE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT IT RECONSIDER ITS DECEMBER 1983 DECISION.

6. WITH ALL GOOD WISHES,

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7. SINCERELY YOURS,

- DANTE B. FASCELL, CHAIRMAN
 - GUS YATRON, CHAIRMAN
 - SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
 - AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
 - DAN MICA, CHAIRMAN
 - SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
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8. END QUOTE. SHULTZ
END OF MESSAGE

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